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GET YOUR PHOTO PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF THE MARINE CORPS. We are asking our readers to record the events and the people on their installations and ships on film. **Marines** magazine will use these images to tell the Marine Corps' story in our December 1997 edition.

We want photographs that capture the **FACES** of Marines — active and reserve, Sailors, Marine Corps civilians and Marine families. We are looking for imagination and creativity behind the camera. Your subject might be something you see every day but says something special about your people or your command. Or, you might get a once-in-a-lifetime photo opportunity. Our only rules are that the subjects in the photos reflect the diversity of the Corps, and that there are no safety or uniform violations. Remember, it is people, not hardware, that makes the Marine Corps unique.

Photographs must be **postmarked by October 1, 1997**. Submit processed and mounted color slides, or send us quality black and white or color prints, either 5X7 or 8X10.

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Courage in the Corps

“Hey, lieutenant, what do we do now?”

First Lieutenant Harvey Barnum was assigned to Company H, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division as an artillery forward observer during operation Harvest Moon in the Republic of Vietnam in December 1965. When his company came under intense North Vietnamese fire, his company commander and the commander's radioman became the first casualties.

“Doc” West, company corpsman, raced across the fire-swept ground toward the mortally wounded captain but was hit several times before reaching him. Seeing this, Barnum immediately ran to the injured corpsman, picked him up, and returned him to cover. He then returned and picked up the commanding officer who died shortly thereafter.

In an October 1996 interview with Viet Nam magazine, Barnum said, “Everybody was looking at me, and I could see in their eyes they were saying, ‘Hey, lieutenant, what do we do now?’”

Barnum rushed to the dead radioman's position, removed the radio, and strapped it to his back. He assumed command of the company, assessed the situation, and began to give orders. He radioed higher headquarters and told them, “The platoon commanders have their hands full. I am aware of what is going on, and I have assumed command.”

Barnum continually exposed himself to enemy fire as he began to lead counterattacks and direct gun ship air strikes against the numerically superior NVA.

“I would give them a target heading, and when they could pick me out visually, pointing with my arms toward the target, they would come in,” Barnum said. He added, “They flew for about an hour after they were out of ammo to help keep the enemy off our backs.”

As darkness set in, Barnum was instructed by the battalion commander to fight his way out. There wouldn't be any help coming.

Knowing the only way out was across an open rice paddy, Barnum ordered his Marines to drop their packs and all non-operational equipment. He then instructed the engineers to blow it up.

“The Marines in the village set

1st Lt. Harvey Barnum



down a base of fire, and we commenced squad rushes across 300 yards of open, fire-swept ground. If someone fell, someone else picked him up, and we brought everybody out. It was really something to see,” Barnum said. “Teamwork at its best.”

“I was the officer who stepped forward and took command. Despite being relatively unknown, people did what I told them to do, when I told them, and in the manner I told them to do it. Some of them got hurt, some of them got killed, but they still carried out their orders. The result was a success,” Barnum said. “I did what I had been trained to do. I made decisions and people carried them out.”

For his courage under fire and exemplary leadership which served to encourage his Marines, Barnum was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Although he was a trained artillery officer, Barnum showcased his training from The Basic School, where all Marine officers are trained as rifle platoon commanders. He also upheld in the highest manner our Core Values of honor, courage, and commitment.

The Marine Corps Values Program is designed to instill, reinforce, and sustain in every Marine our Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment — from the rank of general down to the newest recruits and officer candidates. These values are the very ethos of our character, which must be burned into the souls of all who wear the eagle, globe, and anchor. It is every Marine's responsibility to teach these values to their junior Marines by their impeccable example and to show society by the same. “Courage in the Corps” portrays Marines who have displayed our core values by their distinguished actions in combat and in peace, those who have laid their lives on the line for the success of the mission, and those who contribute in other ways but go unnoticed.

The Class of 1997 — 936 new Navy and Marine Corps officers — toss their covers into the air in time honored tradition as they graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy.

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